Pat. Nos. 4,855,172, 5,242,727 and 5,234,987 the subject matter of which is incorporated herein by reference. Another EPDM tape composition is described in co-pending application U.S. Pat. No. 5,504,136, the subject matter of which is also incorporated herein by reference.

In the claims:

Please replace the following claims. A marked-up copy of the claims has been attached hereto.

1. (Amended) A method for applying walkway pads to roofing membranes, the
2 method comprising:
3   affixing a solids tape to one flat surface of a walkway pad, where the
4 tape carries a protective layer of release paper, and where said step of affixing
5 occurs at the location where the pad is manufactured;
6   stripping said release paper from said tape immediately prior to use;
7   subsequently placing the exposed surface of said tape directly onto the
8 upper surface of the roofing membrane; and,
9   applying force directly to said walkway pad to enhance the bond
10 between said pad and the membrane created by said tape.

1 2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, where said walkway pad comprises
2 asphaltic materials, concrete or rubber-based materials.

1 3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said solids tape comprises EPDM
2 rubber, butyl rubber or blends thereof.

1 4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said walkway pads comprise
2 rubber-based materials and said solids tape comprises a blend of EPDM and butyl
3 rubbers.

Please cancel claim 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1 6. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further including the additional step of

2   preparing the area of the roofing membrane to which said walkway pad

3   will be applied prior to said step of removing.

1   7.   (Amended)The method of claim 6, wherein said step of preparing includes

2   the step of priming the area of the roofing membrane to which said walkway pad

3   will be applied prior to said step of removing.

Please add the following claims.

1   8.   A method for applying a walkway pad to a roofing membrane, said method

2   comprising:

3   providing a walkway pad to a rooftop, where the walkway pad includes

4   a solids tape applied to a substantially planar surface of the walkway pad; and

5   applying the walkway pad to a roofing membrane located on the

6   rooftop.

1   9.   The method of claim 8, where said tape is applied proximal to opposed edges

2   of the flat surface of the walkway pad.

1   10.   The method of claim 8, where said walkway pad comprises asphaltic

2   materials, concrete or rubber-based materials.

1   11.   The method of claim 8, wherein said solids tape comprises EPDM rubber,

2   butyl rubber or blends thereof.

1   12.   The method of claim 8, wherein said walkway pads comprise rubber-based

2   materials and said solids tape comprises a blend of EPDM and butyl rubbers.

1   13.   The method of claim 8, further including the additional step of

2   preparing the area of the roofing membrane to which said walkway pad

3   will be applied prior to said step of removing.

1   14.   The method of claim 8, where the 100% solids tape is applied to a flat surface

2   of the walkway pad at the same location where the walkway pad is manufactured.

1   15.   The method of claim 14; where the 100% solids tape is applied to a flat

2   surface of the walkway pad without priming the flat surface of the walkway pad.

1   16.   A method for providing walkway pads to service personnel who will apply the

2   pads to a roofing membrane, said method comprising:

3   preparing a self-adhering walkway pad by affixing a solids tape to a flat

4   surface of a walkway pad, where said solids tape carries a protective layer of

5   release paper;

6   bundling a plurality of self-adhering walkway pads for delivery; and,

7   delivering the plurality of self-adhering walkway pads to service

8   personnel for application of the walkway pads to a roofing membrane.

1   17.   The method of claim 16, where said walkway pad comprises asphaltic

2   materials, concrete or rubber-based materials.

1   18.   The method of claim 16, wherein said solids tape comprises EPDM rubber,

2   butyl rubber or blends thereof.

1   19.   The method of claim 16, wherein said walkway pads comprise rubber-based

2   materials and said solids tape comprises a blend of EPDM and butyl rubbers.

1   20.   The method of claim 16, where said tape is affixed proximal to opposed edges

2   of said flat surface of the walkway pad.

1   21.   The method of claim 16, where the solids tape is applied to a flat surface of

2   the walkway pad at the same location where the walkway pad is manufacture.

1   22.   The method of claim 16, where the solids tape is applied to a flat surface of

2   the walkway pad without priming the flat surface of the walkway pad.

1   23.   The method of claim 16, where the tape is a 100% solids tape.

1   24.   The method of claim 8, where the tape carries a protective layer of release
2   paper; and further comprising the step of removing the release paper from the tape.

1   25.   A method of constructing a roof, said method comprising the steps of:
2   constructing a roof deck;
3   placing a layer of insulation over said roof deck;
4   placing a membrane over said insulation;
5   providing a plurality of walkway pads to the roof, where the walkway
6   pads include a solids tape applied to a substantially planar surface of the
7   walkway pad prior to said step of providing the plurality of walkway pads;
8   and
9   placing the plurality of walkway pads over said membrane.

1   26.   A roof comprising:
2   a roof deck;
3   a layer of insulation over said roof deck;
4   a membrane over said insulation; and
5   a plurality of walkway pads adhered to said membrane, where said
6   plurality of walkway pads are adhered to said membrane by providing to the
7   roof a plurality of walkway pads that include a solids tape applied to a
8   substantially planar surface of the walkway pads prior to their delivery to the
9   roof.

1   27.   A method of making a walkway pad, said method comprising the steps of:
2   constructing a walkway pad within a factory; and
3   applying a solids tape to a substantially planar surface of the walkway
4   pad while the walkway pad remains within the same factory that the walkway
5   pad was constructed.